الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ، الَّذِي عَلَّمَ بِالْقَلَمِ وَ الْكَرَمِ، عَلَّمَ الإنسَانَ مَا لَمْ يَعْلَمْ، أَحْمَدُهُ سُبْحَانَهُ حَمْدًا يَلِيقُ بِجَلالِ وَجْهِهِ وَعَظِيمِ سُلْطَانِهِ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لاَ إِلهَ إِلاَّ اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لاَ شَرِيكَ لَهُ، لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الحَمْدُ، وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ، وَأَشْهَدُ اللهُ وَحْدَهُ لاَ شَرِيكَ لَهُ، لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الحَمْدُ، وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سِيِّدَنَا ونَبِيَّنَا مُحَمَّداً عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ، وَصَفِيُّهُ مِنْ خَلْقِهِ وَحَبِيبُهُ، صَلَّى اللهُ عَليهِ أَنَّ سيِّدَنَا ونَبِيَّنَا مُحَمَّداً عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ، وَصَفِيُّهُ مِنْ خَلْقِهِ وَحَبِيبُهُ، صَلَّى اللهُ عَليهِ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ، وَعَلَى مَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.

All praise be to Allah the Lord of the worlds, who taught by the pen and benevolence, taught man that which he knew not. I extol Him as is befitting His Great Sovereignty and Glorious Status. I bear witness that there is no deity but Him, having no associates. To Him belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth and whatever is within them. And He is over all things competent. I also testify that our Master and Prophet Muhammad is His Servant and Messenger, may the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, his family, his companions, and all those who will follow them in righteousness till the Day of Judgment, Ameen

Recently millions of students received their exam results in their hands, an envelope to determine their future. Some tore that envelope, others couldn't open it. There were tears, delight, fear, relief, anger. All of us have been through similar emotions, as Believers our entire life is an exam - No Retakes.

"Who created death & life to test you, reveal which of you does best" (67:1-2)

"We have adorned the earth with attractive things so that We may test people to find out which of them do best." (18:7)

Imagine Your Emotions, Your Grades on the Day of Judgement?

"Anyone who is given his Record in his right hand will say, 'Here is my Record, read it. I knew I would meet my Reckoning,' and so he will have a pleasant life in a lofty Garden, with clustered fruit within his reach. It will be said, 'Eat and drink to your heart's content as a reward for what you have done in days gone by.'

But anyone who is given his Record in his left hand will say, 'If only I had never been given any Record and knew nothing of my Reckoning. How I wish death had been the end of me. My wealth has been no use to me, and my power has vanished.' 'Take him, put a collar on him, lead him to burn in the blazing Fire, in a chain seventy metres long." (69:19-32)

We all know how it feels when you get a good result; how you want to share it, show your loved ones. But can you imagine failing an exam so badly that you wish you were destroyed? "Whoever is given his record from behind his back will cry out for destruction, he will burn in the blazing Fire. He used to live among his people well pleased. He thought he would never return, indeed he will! His Lord was watching him." (84:10-15)

The Transformation Process – Exam Season

Students turn their lives upside down. We sleep less, socialise less. No TV. No Facebook. Energy Drinks / Coffee. If we can transform our routines for exams, which determines your University/Job/Future/Worldly Life - then why not transform your for life for the eternity in the hereafter?

The Purpose of Exams

(1) to drive you to do better as a student; (2) to prove yourself as worthy of being in that institution or receiving the honour of that qualification; and (3) to distinguish between better and worse students. "Alif Lam Mim. Do people think they will be left alone after saying 'We believe' without being put to the test? We tested those who went before them: God will certainly mark out which ones are truthful and which are lying." (29:1-3)

If you want to belong to a high-ranking university, you have to earn it, if you want Paradise, you have to earn it.

"In Paradise, there are 100 levels, between every 2 levels there is a distance of 100 years." (Tirmidhi)

"The people of Paradise will look at the people dwelling in the chambers above them in the same way that people look at a brilliant star shining far away on the horizon, in the East or West, because of their superiority over them." (Bukhari)

The Merciful Examiner

"On that Day, people will come forward in separate groups to be shown their deeds: whoever has done an atom's-weight of good will see it, but whoever has done an atom's-weight of evil will see that." (99:6-8)

Unlike a school, we already know the questions in the grave and on the day of judgement. So we have to put the effort in and prepare repeatedly.

The Intelligent & The Heedless The Intelligent person strives & struggles to get the highest mark possible. The Heedless does not prepare and is satisfied with the minimum. Do you want to reach your potential & become the best? THEN PREPARE FOR THE HEREAFTER!!!